

Preliminary Amendment Dated February 17, 2004
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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 27, 2001 in the parent Application Serial No. 09/540,686, the originally pending claims were subjected to a restriction requirement. In that parent application, Applicant elected claims 6-14 drawn to compounds and pharmaceutical compositions. The present application is being filed in order to prosecute original claims 36-48 directed toward a method of treating a cancerous disease. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-35 as being directed toward non-elected subject matter. Original claims 36-48 have also been canceled herein, but are re-written as new claims 49-88 to expedite prosecution.

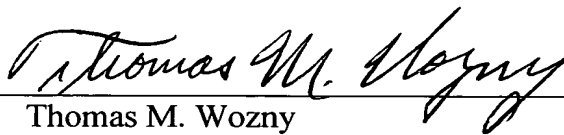
Applicant has also corrected a typographical error found on page 11 of the specification, and has corrected Table 4 found at page 28 of the specification as filed to clarify the presentation of the data contained therein. Schemes III and IV have also been amended herein to correctly identify the compounds illustrated therein with the corresponding description contained in the specification.

Examination on the merits of claims 49-88 is herein requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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